raised from R. L. of 80.0 m fo R.L. 85.0 m., excluding humps of 3m height constructed to ensure the safety of the dam.

(b) The issue of further raising of the dam is subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

• (c) Out of 2574 of Project Affected Families from Madhya Pradesh 1,353 have already been resettled as on 31.8.1999. Out of the remaining 1221 families, 545 Project Affected Families are to be settled by Government of Madhya Pradesh, while 773 PAFs to be settled in Gujarat have been offered the package but have not accepted the same.

(d) Completion of the dam will depend on the outcome of the case filed by Narmada Bachao Andolan in the Supreme Court, pari passu implementation of resettlement & rehabilitation, availability of funds with the State Government and mutual cooperation between the party States i.e. Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and

Rajasthan. Efforts are being made by the States to carry out the resettlement & rehabilitation and_ mobilisation of resources. The Union Government through the Narmada Control Authority, Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee and Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority is making all efforts to ensure compliance of the provisions in the Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award by the party States for early completion of the project.

Central Plan for Prevention of Agricultural Land

783. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the facts that a number of villagers in Buxar and Bhojpur districts of Bihar and those on the banks of the Ganga River are losing the agricultural land due to the unusual change in the currents of Ganga river;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any Central plan to prevent such erosion of agricultural land in these areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Flood Management Works including erosion control works is a State subject and are executed by the States as per the priorities fixed by the State out of their own Plan Funds allocated by the Planning Commission. Central Government, as per existing procedure, provides technical advice and conducts appraisal of schemes when referred by the States for their clearance. So far, no scheme for control of erosion at the banks of river Ganga in Bhojpur & Buxar districts of Bihar have been referred by the Government of Bihar for Clearance.

Irrigation Projects in Orissa

784. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the different World Bank-aided irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) the estimated cost of those projects and the amount sanctioned by World Bank for those projects so far; and

(c) the details of progress of each project as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) There is only one World Bank aided irrigation project in Orissa namely, Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1349.20 crores and the World Bank has approved an amount of US$ 290 million for the above project.

(c) The project is under implementation since January, 1996 and expenditure incurred is Rs. 638.57 crores and disbursement received from the World Bank is US$ 108.73 million upto September, 1999.

Completion of Thonbal Project in Manipur

785. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for construction of Thonbal multi-purpose project in Manipur;